

# Rock Creek Park

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### Schedule of Events

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Happy New Year to all! Even in winter we still see green in the park. Surely you have seen the glossy and pointy leaves of the American holly. This tree is easily recognized by its red berries. If you see a holly with berries, it is a female. Male hollies look similar but do not have berries. Hollies provide nourishment and shelter for many wintering birds in the park, including robins and cedar waxwings. Many American hollies can be found around Rock Creek Park. What birds can you find in them?

### Daily

- **Perspectives of the Old Stone House:** 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday at the Old Stone House The Old Stone House has a long and diverse history. Rangers will present insights on middle- class life in Georgetown, the evolution of a neighborhood, and the changing uses of an urban garden. All ages.

### Weekly Programs

#### Wednesdays

- **Young Planetarium** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories. Ages 4 and older.

#### Fridays (Except January 1st)

- **Creature Feature** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children of all ages are invited to learn about Rock Creek Park's wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes. All ages.

**The Nature Center  
will be closed  
New Year's Day,  
January 1st.**

#### Saturdays

- **Winter Night Sky** 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets and constellations and learn their stories in the Rock Creek Park planetarium. Ages 5 and older.
- **Exploring the Universe** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Explore the solar system, Milky Way, and deep space objects in this high- tech planetarium program. Ages 7 and older.

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The Milky Way galaxy—NASA mage

#### Saturday, January 2

- **Woodland Scavenger Hunt** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Join a ranger for a scavenger hunt along the half- mile Woodland Trail. It is a challenge for some animals and plants in the winter, but let's see what we can discover in a fun way! Ages 4 and older.

### Sunday, January 3

- **Make a Bird Feeder** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill Join us for an afternoon of bird feeder making. We provide the materials for you to make an easy bird feeder with things you can find around the house or in nature! Seed included. **Ages 6 and older.**

### Saturday, January 9

- **Civil War Roundtable** 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center Special Guest Karen Needles, president of the Lincoln Group of Washington, D.C., discusses The Lincoln Archives Digital Project. Its goal is to digitize all records created during the Lincoln Administration that are now in the hands of the National Archives. **Ages 10 and older.**
- **Buds** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Join our friends from Casey Trees for tree- focused story time interspersed with songs and a craft project. Each family will leave with a list of seasonally appropriate “scavenger hunt items” to track down while exploring the trails on their own after the program. **Ages 18 months to 4 years.** Please register with Casey Trees (not required) at <http://www.caseytrees.org/events/upcoming/>

### Sunday, January 10

- **Ranger Reads and Craft: *Turtle at Long Pond*** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Join us for a reading of *Turtle at Long Pond* By a ranger followed by a craft activity to make your own bookmark. Materials are provided. **Ages 4 and older.**

### Saturday, January 16

- **Woodland Scavenger Hunt** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Join a ranger for a scavenger hunt along the half- mile Woodland Trail. It is a challenge for some animals and plants in the winter, but let’s see what we can discover in a fun way! **Ages 4 and older.**

### Saturday, January 23

- **Make a Bird Feeder** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill Join us for an afternoon of bird feeder making. We provide the materials for you to make an easy bird feeder with things you can find around the house or in nature! Seed included. **Ages 6 and older.**

### Sunday, January 24

- **Make your own solar system** Noon at the Nature Center Using construction paper, glue, and crayons we will make our own solar system and learn how to make a flat shape look round using shading. After you make your craft, grab a free ticket to our “Winter Night Sky” planetarium. **Ages 6 and up.**



### Rock Creek Park Visitor Center Locations and Hours

**Nature Center & Planetarium** = 5200 Glover Road, NW. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hiking trail maps and park information, plant and animal exhibits, and bookstore.

**Old Stone House** = 3051 M Street, NW. Open daily, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Early American home, self guided tours, and bookstore.

**Peirce Mill** = 2401 Tilden Street, NW. Open Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m. Check our website, [www.nps.gov/rocr](http://www.nps.gov/rocr), for times. 1820s grist mill — the last remaining on Rock Creek.